

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Steve C. Davis

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday March 8, 2010**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, 6:36 at p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex officio; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council. Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5 was excused.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman S. Davis called the meeting to order and asked for the approval of minutes from the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety held on February 8, 2010.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman S. Davis stated, "We are going to start with Mr. Tom Smith first, if I may.

B. Mr. Tom Smith, EPD Director, Re: Approval to apply for the following grants:

Mr. Smith stated, "Good evening Mr. Chairman. I come before you this evening to request your permission to apply for four annually recurring grants, which are the Local Emergency Planning Grant, Citizens Corps Program, which includes the Community Emergency Response Team Grant, the State Homeland Security Program and the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant."

1. Local Emergency Management Performance Grant, (LEMPG).
2. Citizens Corps Program (CERT).
3. State Homeland Security Program (SHSP).
4. Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP).

Committee Member Callanan stated, "These grants have any contribution on our part?"

Mr. Smith replied, "No sir. Typically, the HMEP Grant, the members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee will donate funds towards that project, which we did two years ago for the Emergency Preparedness Hand Wheels. This hasn't been brought before the LEPC and is on the agenda for tomorrow pending approval to go ahead with pursuing these grants."

Committee Member Callanan stated, "Thank you."

It was moved by Committee Member Farley and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the applications for the four annually recurring grants:

1. Local Emergency Management Performance Grant, (LEMPG).
2. Citizens Corps Program (CERT).
3. State Homeland Security Program (SHSP).
4. Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP).

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Consideration of a Proclamation declaring the week of **April 11-17, 2010**, to be **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**.

Committee Member Schurlknight stated, "I move for approval."

Chairman S. Davis inquired, "Is Ms. Willey with us? Let me read it into the record, please, if I can. Berkeley County Government, Proclamation. Whereas, emergencies can occur at anytime requiring sheriff, police, fire or emergency medical services; and Whereas, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and Whereas, the safety of our deputy sheriffs, police officers, firefighters and EMT's is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Berkeley County 911 Communications Center; and Whereas, public safety telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and Whereas, public safety telecommunicators are the single vital link for our deputy sheriffs, police officers, firefighters and EMT's by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and Whereas public safety telecommunicators of the Berkeley County 911 Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and Whereas, each telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year, Therefore be it resolved that Berkeley County Council hereby proclaims and declares the week of April 11 to the 17, in the year of our Lord, 2010 to be National Public Safety Telecommunications Week and joins in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe."

Committee Member Schurlknight stated, "Mr. Davis, I might want to change my motion and change it that you read all of our proclamations from now on. You did a fine job of that."

Chairman S. Davis stated, "Thank you."

Committee Member Schurlknight stated, "I stick by my regular motion. I move to approve."

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve Consideration** of a **Proclamation** declaring the week of **April 11-17, 2010**, to be **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week**. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Schurlknight to **adjourn** the Committee on Justice & Public Safety meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 6:41 pm.

April 12, 2010
Date Approved

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AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 8, 2010

A. Consideration of a Proclamation declaring the week of **April 11-17, 2010**, to be **National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.**

March 3, 2010
S/Barbara B. Austin, CCC
Clerk of County Council

ADDENDUM

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March 4, 2010

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